



# City of Rowlett

## Special Work Session Minutes

### City Council

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Tuesday, February 23, 2010

6:00 P.M.

Municipal Building – 4000 Main Street

As authorized by Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code, this meeting may be convened into closed Executive Session for the purpose of seeking confidential legal advice from the City Attorney on any agenda item herein.

The City of Rowlett reserves the right to reconvene, recess or realign the Regular Session or called Executive Session or order of business at any time prior to adjournment.

**Present: Mayor Harper, Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto, Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Gottel, Councilmember Phillips, Councilmember Rushing, Councilmember Jackson and Councilmember Kilgore**

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Harper called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. WORK SESSION ITEMS

##### 2A. Discuss Impact Fees and their effect on development. (60 minutes)

City Manager Humble made some opening remarks and then staff discussed the history of impact fees; discussed grafts presented in the staff report; and discussed possible direction in which Council could proceed. Following the presentation, each Councilmember stated their views with regard to impact fees. The consensus was reached to provide direction to staff to continue the use of impact fees and to revisit the issue again in four to six months.

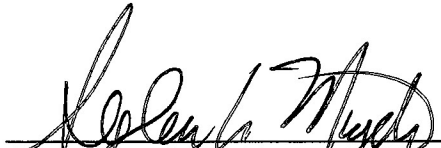
##### 2B. Discuss a program to Incentivize Solar & Residential Sprinklers through the Permit Fees. (15 minutes)

Mayor Pro Tem Maggiotto led the discussion on this item requesting staff to look into expanding the green building program, which would allow rebates or some type of incentives for builders to use more green energy consumption initiatives when building homes in Rowlett. Items such as wind turbines and/or solar photovoltaic (PV) for electricity, solar thermal (hot water), and for safety residential fire suppression sprinkler systems were discussed. Following the discussion,

consensus was reached for staff to do a study based upon a 2,500 square foot home identifying the various fees and the actual costs of services in addition to the actual cost of installation. After which Council can have a discussion on actual cost versus benefit and derive a policy.

3. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Harper adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

  
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Steve Maggionto, Mayor Pro Tem

  
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Susie Quinn, City Secretary

Date Approved: March 2, 2010